

Travel to Sutton Forest now slower by design!

Speed limits are dropped to 80kph along Highlands Way.

Transport for NSW recently completed a review of speed zones along Main Road 569, which includes Highland Way, Penrose Road and Exeter Road and passes through Tallong, Wingello, Penrose, Exeter and Bundanoon.

There were 16 reported crashes in the five-year period from June 2019 to June 2024, a rate above that expected for rural-regional roads. Ten of these crashes were on curves, with speed identified as a contributing factor.

The speed limit will be reduced from 100 km/h to 80 km/h in sections along Highland Way, Penrose Road and Exeter Road between the Hume Highway at Marulan and Illawarra Highway at Sutton Forest.

The speed limit will also be reduced from 60 km/h to 50 km/h for 1.4 kilometres on Exeter Road at Bundanoon, from Rosenthal Avenue to north of the intersection with Yuille Avenue.

There will also be minor extensions of the existing 50 km/h speed zones at Bundanoon, Penrose and Wingello.

Work to install new signs will begin on Monday 18 May and is expected to take five days to complete, weather permitting.

Motorists are advised to drive to the conditions and follow the directions of traffic control during sign installation.

Electronic message signs will be in place two weeks before work starts and one week after the new speed limits take effect.

The above is from the Press Release of Transport NSW, 4 May 2026

This will allegedly only add three minutes to the drive along the entire 43 km route.

I expect this calculation does not take into account the existing reduced speeds caused by the actual road conditions. Will we notice any difference?

Meanwhile, just in time for the Community Garden Grand Opening in April, Railway Parade in front of the store and hall has



been updated with rumble strips and upgraded line marking.

Hopefully the multiple larger STOP signs, speed signs, clear markings and rumble strips help more drivers actually obey those rules. It seems less drivers now race through the stop signs. Still too many, but it seems less.

The road did have rumble strips some years ago, but they were removed during a road surface upgrade and not replaced. Multiple and continuing representations to the council by the Wingello Village Association and other locals finally produced results.

Fire season ended
1 April
Check if you can burn on your property.

Library Bus
Tuesdays 2:15 to 3:15
In front of the park
May 5, 19 - Jun 2, 16

Bin Collection Mondays
May
4 ● Yellow
11 ● Green
18 ● Yellow
25 ● Green

Store Opening Hours
Ph: 02 4884 4340 / 0493 521 856
Mon - Fri: 7:00am - 4:00pm
Weekends: 8:00am - 3:00pm
Public holidays: 8:00am - 10:30am
We are open **Every Day** except Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Christmas, Boxing & New Year's Days.

Lots of Wingello Events

The Men's Breakfast continues being a great time to gather and chat with no particular agenda. 9:00am on the first Saturday of every month at the Wingello Village Store is when we meet to have a general chat and solve the problems of the world - then do it all again next month.

(Next: 2 May, 6 June, 4 July)

Craft Afternoon

The Wingello Village Association sponsored informal craft afternoons and catch ups continue. Held on the first Saturday of the month in the meeting room of Wingello Hall 1 pm to 4 pm. Bring along whatever craft you are working on and enjoy the company of other crafters or just come for the catch up.

Cost is \$5 to help with cost of hiring the hall and afternoon tea. Book the date.

Bush Babies Play Group

The Wingello Village Association has started a Wingello Play Group for Mums and babies.



It is every Tuesday during school term from 10am to 12 Midday at the Wingello Village Hall. Lots of children at every meeting. Great signs for the future of Wingello!

Mothers' Day Stall

The WVA will be holding a Mothers Day stall outside Wingello Hall 9:00am to 12:30pm on Saturday 9 May. Lots of great gifts for Mums.

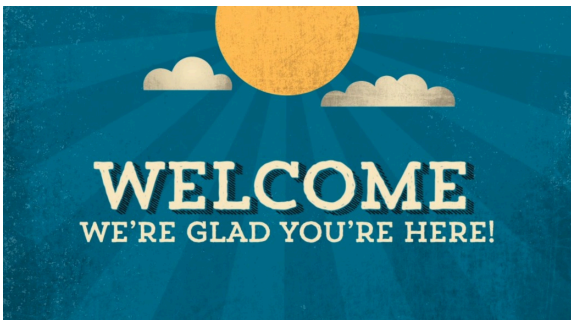
The WVA **Wood Raffle**, will be drawn at 12:15pm at this event. Funds are raised for the events organised for the village.

The Grand Opening of the Wingello Community Garden went very well on 8 April. Dignitaries from all the organisations that assisted in the construction were present and the weather was perfect. Of course, being a community garden, all those attending joined in and did some planting and testing out the excellent facilities. Many of the flowers and other plants are already sprouting very happily.

The Wingello Growing Club is growing with locals sharing tips and companionship while improving Wingello's gardening knowledge.



Everyone pitching in!



The Wingello Village Association prepares Welcome Packs for all new residents of Wingello.

If you are new to Wingello, pop in to the Wingello Village Store, let them know you are here so they can create a folder for your mail, and receive a welcome kit. It contains lots of useful information about living in Wingello.

Wingello Gardening Club

Now that we have such a lovely Community Garden, experienced and beginner gardeners are welcome to join the new Wingello Gardening Club.

The WVA plans to establish a gardening club, with registration. Application forms are available at the Wingello Village Store. Everyone welcome. Registration cost is only \$10 per year.

This is a great way to meet other village gardeners and learn what works - and doesn't - in our special micro-climate in Wingello.

